Changing the composition of Railway Recruitment Board

3768. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have changed the composition of all the 19 Railway Recruitment Boards by insisting that all the nine non-official members should be only from SC, ST, OBC and Minorities;

(b) whether it is not a blatant discrimination against other classes of society when there is already legal provision of reservation for the above classes;

(c) whether Government also propose to relax the qualification for such discriminatory recruitment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (d) There has not been any change in the composition of Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) which comprise of a Chairman and a Member Secretary. The RRBs do not have any other official member or any non-official members. Non official members are associated with Interview Committees as representatives of SC/ST, Minority and OBC Communities. The Interview Committee consists of Chairman or Member Secretary as Chairman of Committee, Official Member(s) as departmental representative and non-official members as representatives of respective Communities. There is no question of any discrimination or relaxation of qualifications in favour of non-official members as they are not appointed in the RRBs.

Subsidy on monthly Railway Passes

3769. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is heavily subsidising monthly Railway Passes;

(b) if so, the amount of subsidy given on travel for 20 KM, 50 KM, 100 KM and 200 KM;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Railway employees are given additional concession on these rates also; if so, to what extent and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether these concessions are taken into consideration while payment of D.A. to Railway employees; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) The Railway Ministry are subsidising monthly season tickets.

(b) The subsidy per journey is given below:—

Distance kms.	MST Fare per journey (Rs)	Normal Fare per journey (Rs.)	Subsidy per journey (Rs.)
20	1.70	4	2.30
50	2.60	9	6.40
100	3.70	14	10.30
200	5.96	26	20.04

(c) As a part of their service conditions, Railway employees are entitled to travel by paying one-third of the fare of Monthly Season Tickets for journeys between residence and their place of work.

(d) and (e) Payment of dearness allowance is decided on the basis of formula approved by the Central Government.